Amendment of Fac† Ories Act

189. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the "Business Standard" dated 3rd January, 2001 under the caption "Cll Government Pact on Labour Law";

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Labour have agreed to delete Section 2(n) of Factory Act and to leave the matter of Bonus entitlement to employer; and

(c) if so, whether Government have initiated a discussion with the Trade Unions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Ministry to delete Section 2(n) of the Fac† Ories Act, 1948 and also to leave the matter of bonus entitlement to employer.

(c) Does not arise.

National Commission on Child Labour

190. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Commission on Child Labour in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the above Commission is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.